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To :—

The County Council of the County of Berwick.

The Town Councils of Duns, Eyemouth, Coldstream and Lauder, and

The Department of Health for Scotland.

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the health and sanitary conditions of the County of Berwick for the Year 1954.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. ALLAN,

County Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,
Bridgend,
Duns.

LIST OF STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health :—Alastair Allan. M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant Officer of Health :—Arthur S. Caldwell, M.B., Ch.B.. D.P.H.

County Nursing Superintendent :—Anne L. Marjoribanks.

Health Visitors :—Helen Murdison, S.R.N., Q.D.N., S.C.M., H.V.
Annie M. McKinnie S.R.N., Q.D.N., S.C.M.. H.V.

Milk Officer :—Elizabeth O. Naismith, N.D.D.

Sanitary Inspectors :—Donald B. Marquis.
John S. Beedie

Clerical Staff :—Margaret Turner, Mrs. J. Rankin. Hannah Wightman.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES and DEATHS for Year 1954.

BURGHS AND LANDWARD AREA.

	Berwick County.	Berwick County.				
	Berwick County.	Coldstream Burgh.	Duns Burgh.	Eyemouth Burgh.	Lauder Burgh.	Landward.
Population (Estimated), 30th June, 1954	24,633	1,312	2,011	2,227	608	18,475
Total Live Births Registered (including Illegitimate)	237	41	124	8	2	62
Total Births Corrected for Mother's residence (including illegitimate)	330	26	31	22	10	241
Total Births Corrected Male ...	178	15	14	7	5	137
,, ,, ,, Female ...	152	11	17	15	5	104
,, ,, ,, Illegitimate	13	2	—	1	—	10
Still-Births Registered (including Illegitimate)	4	—	2	—	1	1
Still-Births Corrected for Mother's Residence	9	—	1	1	1	6
Marriages Registered	151	11	18	13	7	102
Deaths Registered	255	25	37	30	9	154
Deaths Corrected for Residence	326	25	25	36	12	228
Deaths Corrected Male	166	18	11	19	6	112
,, ,, Female ...	160	7	14	17	6	116

ENTIRE COUNTY.

	No. Registered in District.	Transfers. Out.	Transfers. In.	No. Corrected for Transfers. Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.		Rate per 1000 of Est. Pop. (Both Sexes)
Births (including Illegitimate) ..	237	112	205	330	178	152		13.4
Births (Illegitimate)	5	2	10	13	4	9	(2)	3.9
Births	4	1	6	9	4	5	(3)	27.0
riages	151	—	—	—	—	—		6.1
hs—All Causes	255	33	104	326	166	160	*	13.2
Tuberculosis (All Forms) ..	—	—	—	4	2	2		0.16
,, (Respiratory System)	—	—	—	2	1	1		0.08
Principal Epidemic Dis. (1)	—	—	—	2	1	1		0.08
Children aged under One Year	—	—	—	3	1	2	(4)	9.0
,, ,, ,, Four Weeks	—	—	—	3	1	2	(4)	9.0

(1) Typhoid fever, meningococcal infections, scarlet fever, whooping cough, diphtheria, influenza and measles. (2) Per 100 live births. (3) Per 1000 total births (including still-births). (4) Per 1000 live births * Rate adjusted for Age and Sex Distribution—10.8

CAUSES OF DEATH.

The following table is a general summary of deaths, corrected for transfers, showing ages at death :-

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Berwick County.					
	Berwick County.	Coldstream Burgh.	Duns Burgh.	Eyemouth Burgh.	Lauder Burgh.	Landward.
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	2		1			
Tuberculosis, other forms ...	2	1				
Syphilis and its sequelae	—					
Typhoid fever	—					
Dysentery, all forms						
Scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat						
Diphtheria	—	—				
Whooping cough	—			—		
Meningococcal infections	—	—		—	—	
Acute poliomyelitis	—					
Measles	—					
Other infectious and parasitic diseases (B 5, 11, 13, 15, 16)* ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasms	60	4	5	4	2	4
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	—					—
Diabetes mellitus	4	—		1		3
Anaemias	—	—	—	—		
Other general diseases	1	—	1			
Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system	63	4	5	6	3	4
Nonmeningococcal meningitis ...	—					
Other diseases of nervous system	3		1			2
Rheumatic fever	—					
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	5	1		2		2
Arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease	100	6	6	15	2	71
Other diseases of heart	9		—	—	—	9
Hypertension with heart disease	9	—	1	2		6
Hypertension without heart disease			—	—	—	—
Other circulatory disease ...	11	3	—	—	1	7
Influenza	2	—	—	—	1	1
Pneumonia (except of newborn) ...	5	3	1		1	—
Bronchitis	9	2		2	2	3
Other respiratory diseases ...	—				—	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	—			—	4
Appendicitis	1	—	1		—	—
Intestinal obstruction and hernia						—
Gastritis and duodenitis		—				—

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Berwick County.	Berwick County. Coldstream Burgh.	Duns Burgh.	Eyemouth Burgh.	Lauder Burgh.	Landward.
Diarrhoea (except of newborn) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cirrhosis of liver	1	—	—	—	—	1
Other diseases of liver	1	—	—	—	—	1
Other digestive diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	—	—	—	—	1
Hyperplasia of prostate ...	4	—	—	1	—	3
Other diseases of genito urinary system	3	1	—	—	—	2
Puerperal sepsis including post abortive sepsis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other puerperal causes	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases of skin and organs of locomotion	2	—	—	—	—	2
Congenital malformations ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Birth injuries, post natal asphyxia and atelectasis	1	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia of newborn	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea of newborn	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other infections of the newborn	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other diseases peculiar to early infancy	2	—	—	—	—	2
Senility	9	—	—	2	—	7
Cause ill-defined and unknown ...	2	—	1	1	—	—
Suicide	1	—	1	—	—	—
Motor vehicle accidents	5	—	—	—	—	5
Other road transport accidents ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other violence (BE 50)	4	—	1	—	—	3
All Causes	326	25	25	36	12	228
AGES AT DEATH.						
Under 1	3	—	—	—	—	3
1- 4	1	—	—	—	—	1
5- 9	1	—	—	—	—	1
10-14	1	—	—	—	—	1
15-24	3	—	—	—	—	3
25-34	3	—	—	—	—	3
35-44	7	—	3	1	—	3
45-54	23	3	2	3	—	15
55-64	47	3	6	2	2	34
65-74	95	7	5	12	5	66
75-84	112	9	7	14	4	78
85 and over	30	3	2	4	1	20
Not stated	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Ages	326	25	25	36	12	228

* *Including paratyphoid fever, erysipelas, septicaemia and lethargic encephalitis.*

FOOD SUPPLY.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

MILK.

A list of the licences issued to Designated Producers and Dealers is given below :—

CERTIFIED LICENCES :—

Existing Licences :—Finlayson, John, Wyndhead, Lauder.
Logan & Forrest, Mersington.
Mullen, S. & J., Magdalene Hall.
McGregor, James, Coldstream Mains.
Rae Bros., East Morriston.
Wilson, W. Donald, Ltd., Magdalene Hall.

TUBERCULIN TESTED LICENCES :—

New Licences :— Craigs, William, Eyemouth Mill, Eyemouth.
Cowe, A., East End, Chirnside.
Downie, C. H., East Cruicksfield, Duns.
Donoghue, Francis, 10 Lamberton, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Greenlees, Thomas, 17 Lamberton, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Halliday, John, 14 Lamberton, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Middlemiss, J., Moat Farm, Greenlaw.
Pass, Norman, Whiteburn, Lauder.
Rae, James, 16 Lamberton, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Shiells, C. S., 23 Foulden New Mains, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Spraggon, John, Nunlands, Foulden.
Young, George, 6 Lamberton, Berwick-on-Tweed.

Existing Licences :—Anderson, J., Hardens, Duns.
Baillie, J. C., 25 Lamberton, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Balfour, Hon. Mrs., Newton Don, Kelso.
Beaton, Robert, No. 5 Holding, Wester Howlaws, Greenlaw.
Bailie, Major C. W. H., Buxley, Duns.
Bell, J. D., West Mains, Gordon.
Bryce, William H., Rowanlea, Gordon.
Burns, Thomas, No. 2, Foulden Holdings.
Byers, James, Craiglea, Hume, Kelso.
Campbell, T. F., Macksmill, Gordon.
Clark, D. S. & Sons, Ravelaw, Whitsome.
Clark, D. S. & Sons, Bellshiel.
Clark, D. S. & Sons, South Laws.
Coltherd, Joseph, Glencairn, Hume, Kelso.
Crowe, Wm. M., Chirnside Mill (cancelled 24/11/54).
Douglas & Angus Estates, Hirsel, Coldstream.
Rt. Hon. Earl of Ellesmere, Broomhall, Mertoun.
Fergie, George, Westertown, Westruther.

Fleming, A. & R., Renton Home Farm (cancelled 13/5/54).
Gilchrist, J., Justicehall, Oxton.
Hamilton, William, Hyndshidehill.
Hay, Lieut.-Colonel, Duns Castle, Duns.
Henderson, Hugh, West End, Earlston.
Johnston, R. L., Simprim, Coldstream.
Kinghorn, Mr. & Mrs. J., Polwarth South Crofts.
Kinghorn, T. J. & H. G., Kames West Mains.
Laidlaw & Shiell, Ninewells Mains.
Laing, Robert, Oxmuir, Hume.
Leitch, Mr. & Mrs. J., 20 Lamberton, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Millar, James & Sons, Foulden, West Mains.
Minchin, P. M., East Crnickstield, Duns.
Mitchell, Alex., Legars, Hume.
Mitchell, James, Jardinefield.
Morris, George, Fawside, Gordon.
MacDonald, R. & J., Ecclestofts.
McQueen, James, 45 Foulden Newton, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Paterson, Albert, Longformacus Mill.
Ross, Robert, 49 Holding, Foulden, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Shortreed, Adam, Redpath West End.
Sinclair, Thos., 44 Foulden Newton, Berwick-on-Tweed.
Sitwell, Mrs., Lennel House, Coldstream.
Smellie, J., Greenlaw Mill.
Smellie, James, Rumbletonlaw, Greenlaw.
Smith, D. Innes, 3 Morington Mains.
Swinton, Brigadier A. H. C., Kimmerghame Mill.
Thomson, Mrs. D. R., Nenthorn, Kelso.
Walker, David S., Duns.
Wight, James T., Whitrighill, St. Boswells.
Wilkie, David M., Bonkyl Dairy, Preston.
Wilson, Robert, Eccles Mains, Kelso.
Wood, James, Northburn, Eyemouth.
Young, R. & G., Fogorig.
Younger, Lieut.-Colonel, Gledswood, Melrose.

STANDARD LICENCES:—

Existing Licences: Hendry, Thos., West Mains (cancelled 2/3/54).

SUPPLEMENTARY LICENCES:

Existing Licences:—East Lothian Co-operative Society Ltd. (supplementary licence to sell Pasteurised, T.T., and T.T. (Pasteurised) milk.

Galashiels United Co-operative Society Ltd., (supplementary licence to sell Pasteurised and T.T. Milk).

Tweedside Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd. (supplementary licence to sell T.T. and Pasteurised Milk).

Honeyburn & Teviotdale Dairy Co. Ltd., Hawick (supplementary licence to sell Certified, T.T. and Pasteurised Milk).

Thorburn, J., Muirfield Dairy, Thorntonloch (supplementary licence to sell T.T. milk).

Dunlop, David Y., Buskinbraes, Coldingham (supplementary licence to sell T.T. (Pasteurised) and Sterilised Milk.

DAIRY HERDS (Year 1954).

Number of Certified or Tuberculin Tested Herds in County ...	66
Number of Standard Herds in County (Attested)	nil
Number of Non-designated Herds in County	5

In the 66 Certified or Tuberculin Tested Herds 4,920 animals were tested during the year, no reactors being found.

In the 511 non-designated Herds and exempted premises 539 animals were clinically examined during the year. None were found to come within the scope of the Tuberculosis Order.

1 case of Anthrax was confirmed during 1954.

No cases of Swine Fever were confirmed during 1954.

FOOD INSPECTION.

Seizures and/or condemnations.

	Lbs.	*Ozs.*
Tinned Meat	138	5½
Tinned Vegetables	7	6½
Tinned Jam	4	8
Tinned Fruit	69	2
Tinned Soup	31	11
Tinned Fish	—	15
	252	—

Also :—

7 tins "Carnation" Full Cream Milk.

1—14½ oz. "Libby's" Milk (Evaporated).

1 tin "Wheatsheaf" Evaporated Full Cream Milk.

2 tins "Nestle's" Special Full Cream Milk.

1 tin "Princess" Grocery Treacle.

2—2 lb. tins "Fowler's" West India Treacle.

3—2 lb. tins "Westburn" Golden Syrup.

ICE CREAM.

No. of applications for registration—

(1)	Premises	—
(2)	Vehicles	1

No. of registrations—

(a)	Granted	(1) Premises ...	—
		(2) Vehicles ...	1
(b)	Pending	(1) Premises ...	—
		(2) Vehicles ...	—
(c)	Refused	(1) Premises ...	—
		(2) Vehicles ...	—
(d)	Withdrawn	(1) Premises ...	—
		(2) Vehicles ...	—

Total Number of Registrations in County—

22 Premises.

5 Vehicles.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

In July meat ceased to be rationed and the control of slaughter houses passed from the Ministry of Food back to the local authorities. As a result of the Government's policy of "moderate concentration" of slaughter houses the only one permitted in the County was that at Duns. The number of animals slaughtered has increased since the control and the important and responsible job of meat inspection has correspondingly increased also.

Number of Animals slaughtered at Duns from 1st January, 1954, to 31st December, 1954.

	Cattle	*Sheep*	*Pigs*	*Calves*
January	47	490	94	47
February	54	439	94	40
March	50	442	108	55
April	87	361	116	46
May	86	178	81	10
June	70	656	83	22
July	242	442	135	14
August	199	497	85	30
September	244	730	113	31
October	195	485	123	21
November	173	454	114	51
December	143	371	150	35
Total	1560	5545	1296	402

PARTICULARS OF COUNCIL OWNED HOUSES.

at 31st December, 1954.

I am indebted to the County Architect for the following figures concerning County Council houses.

BUILT UNDER THE 1924 ACT (not subject to Special Conditions).

Situation.	*No of Houses.*	*Size of Houses.*	*Rent.*
Chirnside	1	4 apartments	£34 0 0
Clockmill	2	4 apartments	34 0 0
Lauder	2	4 apartments	34 0 0
	5		

BUILT UNDER THE 1924 ACT (Subject to Special Conditions).

Ayton	2	4 apartments	£33 0 0
Chirnside	2	4 apartments	32 0 0
Chirnside	18	3 apartments	25 0 0
Chirnside	2	3 apartments	23 0 0
Cockburnspath	8	3 apartments	24 0 0
Coldingham	8	3 apartments	25 0 0
Earlston	4	3 apartments	25 0 0
Gordon	4	3 apartments	25 0 0
Grantshouse	6	3 apartments	24 0 0
Greenlaw	4	3 apartments	25 0 0
Oxton	4	3 apartments	25 0 0
Reston	8	3 apartments	23 0 0
St. Abbs	3	3 apartments	23 0 0
St. Abbs	1	3 apartments	25 0 0
St. Abbs	2	3 apartments	24 0 0
St. Abbs	2	4 apartments	32 0 0
Upper Burnmouth ...	2	4 apartments	32 0 0
	80		

BUILT UNDER THE 1930 ACT.

Ayton	4	3 apartments	£25 0 0
Ayton	4	4 apartments	34 0 0
Ayton	1	5 apartments	42 0 0
Chirnside	12	3 apartments	25 0 0
Cowdrait (Burnmouth) ...	20	3 apartments	25 0 0
Cowdrait (,,) ...	2	4 apartments	34 0 0
Earlston	6	3 apartments	25 0 0
Gordon	1	3 apartments	25 0 0
Greenlaw	4	3 apartments	25 0 0
Greenlaw	1	3 apartments	25 0 0
Greenlaw	2	4 apartments	34 0 0

Situation.	*No. of Houses.*	*Size of Houses.*	*Rent.*
Ross (Burnmouth) ...	3	3 apartments	25 0 0
Ross (,,) ...	2	4 apartments	34 0 0
Upper Burnmouth ...	12	3 apartments	25 0 0
Upper Burnmouth ...	1	3 apartments	24 0 0
	75		

BUILT UNDER THE 1935 ACT.

Ayton	2	4 apartments	£34 0 0
Ayton	1	5 apartments	42 0 0
Earlston	2	3 apartments	25 0 0
Gordon	2	4 apartments	34 0 0
Gordon	1	5 apartments	42 0 0
Greenlaw	1	3 apartments	25 0 0
Upper Burnmouth ...	1	3 apartments	24 0 0
Upper Burnmouth ...	2	4 apartments	32 0 0
	12		

BUILT UNDER THE 1930-38 ACT.

Ayton	6	3 apartments	£25 0 0
Chirnside	12	4 apartments	34 0 0
Chirnside	3	5 apartments	42 0 0
Cockburnspath	2	3 apartments	24 0 0
Earlston	4	3 apartments	25 0 0
Earlston	6	4 apartments	34 0 0
Earlston	2	5 apartments	42 0 0
Longformacus	4	3 apartments	24 0 0
Cockburnspath	2	4 apartments	32 0 0
	41		

BUILT UNDER THE 1946 ACT.

Allanton	2	4 apartments	£37 0 0
Allanton	2	3 apartments	31 0 0
Ayton	4	4 apartments	37 0 0
Ayton	8	3 apartments	31 0 0
Birgham	8	4 apartments	34 0 0
Burnmouth (Upper) ...	6	4 apartments	37 0 0
Burnmouth (Upper) ...	6	3 apartments	31 0 0
Burnmouth (Upper) ...	6	2 apartments	26 0 0
Chirnside	10	4 apartments	34 0 0
Chirnside	14	4 apartments	37 0 0
Chirnside	14	3 apartments	31 0 0
Chirnside	6	2 apartments	26 0 0
Cockburnspath	22	4 apartments	34 0 0
Coldingham	18	4 apartments	34 0 0
Cranshaws	4	4 apartments	32 0 0

Situation.	*No. of Houses*	*Size of Houses.*	*Rent*		
Duns	36	4 apartments	44	0	0
Earlston	56	3 apartments	31	0	0
Earlston	4	5 apartments	42	0	0
Earlston	18	4 apartments	34	0	0
Earlston	16	3 apartments (flats)	31	0	0
Earlston (Temp. housing)	4	3 apartments	24	0	0
Earlston do.	1	4 apartments	30	0	0
Earlston	1	2 apartments	18	0	0
Eccles	8	4 apartments	34	0	0
Fogo	2	4 apartments	37	0	0
Fogo	2	3 apartments	31	0	0
Foulden	8	4 apartments	34	0	0
Gavinton	8	4 apartments	34	0	0
Gordon	12	4 apartments	34	0	0
Gordon	2	4 apartments	37	0	0
Gordon	6	3 apartments	31	0	0
Grantshouse	4	4 apartments	34	10	0
Grantshouse	8	3 apartments	28	10	0
Greenlaw	32	4 apartments	34	0	0
Greenlaw	8	4 apartments	37	0	0
Greenlaw	6	3 apartments	31	0	0
Hume	6	4 apartments	32	0	0
Hutton	4	4 apartments	37	0	0
Hutton	4	3 apartments	31	0	0
Leitholm	4	3 apartments	31	0	0
Longformacus	6	4 apartments	32	0	0
Oxton	12	4 apartments	34	0	0
Paxton	6	4 apartments	37	0	0
Paxton	6	3 apartments	31	0	0
Preston	2	4 apartments	37	0	0
Preston	2	3 apartments	31	0	0
Reston	18	4 apartments	34	0	0
Reston	4	3 apartments	25	0	0
Reston	5	4 apartments	37	0	0
Reston	5	3 apartments	31	0	0
St. Abbs	4	4 apartments	34	0	0
St. Abbs	4	4 apartments	37	0	0
St. Abbs	2	3 apartments	31	0	0
Sinclairshill	2	4 apartments	37	0	0
Sinclairshill	2	3 apartments	31	0	0
Swinton	6	4 apartments	37	0	0
Swinton	8	3 apartments	31	0	0
Westruther	6	4 apartments	32	0	0
Whitsome	2	4 apartments	37	0	0
Whitsome	6	3 apartments	31	0	0
[redacted]	198				

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

REPORT UNDER MIDWIVES (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1915.

Item.	Total (i.e. *all* cases occurring in the area).
1. Live Births	237
2. Deaths of new-born children (within 14 days of birth)	3
3. Still-births (Dead born)	4
4. Cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—
5. Puerperal Sepsis—	
Cases	—
Deaths	—
6. Puerperal Pyrexia—	
Cases	—

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS.

The number of births registered (excluding still births) was 237. Of these 5 were illegitimate. 4 still-births were registered during the year.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The number of deaths in children under 1 year of age was 3. The causes of death were as follows :—

Prematurity 3

The Infantile Mortality rate was 9. This is the lowest figure ever recorded in the County.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

There were no cases.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

PUERPERAL FEVER AND PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

No cases of puerperal fever were notified.

CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

Name of Clinic.	No. of Children attending the clinics during year and who on the date of their first attendance this year were		Total No. of Attendances made by Children who at the time of attendance were	
	Under 1 Year of Age.	Over 1 Year of Age.	Under 1 Year of Age.	Over 1 Year of Age.
Coldstream ...	30	53	108	166
Eyemouth ...	40	41	140	88
Hutton ...	6	10	24	41
Paxton ...	8	5	30	48
Duns	38	40	150	134
Swinton and Leitholm	12	11	40	55
Oxton	7	5	18	24
Ayton	20	19	73	58
Reston	8	7	27	14
St. Abbs ...	5	4	24	9
Coldingham ...	9	9	24	29
Cockburnspath ...	12	15	30	43
Longformacus	4	11	13	44
Lauder	8	18	29	41
Earlston ...	27	25	94	78
Chirnside ...	36	33	186	122
Greenlaw ...	11	6	21	22
Totals	281	312	1,031	1,016

WELFARE FOODS

In June the Ministry of Food handed over to Local Authorities the whole scheme for the distribution locally of welfare foods, *i.e.*, dried milk, orange juice, cod liver oil and vitamin tablets. The existing scheme of voluntary workers was taken over almost entirely and is functioning very smoothly.

I think appreciation should be recorded of the work of the voluntary helpers who distribute the welfare foods in the various centres; not only do they give up some storage space in their homes, they have members of the public calling on them for the foods, sometimes at very inconvenient times, and all quite voluntarily. They are deserving of our thanks.

SCHOOL CHILDREN.

MEDICAL INSPECTION, SUPERVISION AND TREATMENT.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTION.

GENERAL REVIEW

The total number of children examined during the year was 1,750, of these 1,052 were systematic examinations and 698 were re-inspections of children previously found to have some defect.

The number of children inspected at systematic examinations, who were notified to parents as requiring treatment (excluding uncleanliness and dental decay) was 218 (22.7%) *i.e.*, over one-fifth of the children examined were found to have some defect. The defects are for the most part of a minor and remediable nature. 8 children (.833%) were considered to have conditions where complete cure and restoration of normal functions was not expected, though some improvement was considered possible.

Clothing and footgear

The school children in the County are very well clad and shod.

Of the children examined only one was inadequately clothed and two had unsatisfactory footgear

Cleanliness.

Four children were unclean, but none were found on routine examination to have nits or vermin During the year, however, the Health Visitors discovered and treated several cases of pediculosis capitis infestation.

Skin

One case of ringworm of the scalp was discovered and referred to his own doctor for treatment

A single case of scabies was found during the year

Nutritional State

Seven children were considered to be slightly mal-nourished, but there were no cases of severe mal nutrition.

Diseases of the Naso Pharynx

55 children were admitted to hospital for operative treatment on the nasopharynx, the majority being admitted for removal of tonsils and adenoids.

Diseases of the Eye.

Errors in Refraction—Of the children due for visual acuity tests (2nd, 3rd and 4th age groups, and children born in 1946) 17 were found to have fair vision (1.7%) and 4 to have bad vision (.4%).

External Eye Diseases.

4 cases of blepharitis were discovered and treated. 15 children were found to have strabismus.

Diseases of the Ear.

Four cases of aural discharge were found and referred to the Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist. One child was found to have defective hearing, of mild degree, not requiring any special educational measures.

Speech Defects.

In July, 1953, Miss Hutcheon was appointed speech therapist to serve the Counties of Roxburgh, Selkirk and Berwick. She has since made a survey of the children attending Berwickshire schools, and reports that 305 of them have speech defects requiring special educational measures.

Organic Heart Disease.

A single case of congential cardiac malformation was discovered and referred through the paediatrician to the Congenital Heart Clinic in Edinburgh.

Deformities.

186 children (19.3%) were found to have some deformity, the vast majority having a minor, remediable deformity, such as knock knees, flat feet and poor posture.

These children were referred to the Orthopaedic department for corrective treatment.

MEDICAL REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDED JULY 31st, 1954.

No. of Primary Schools	40
No. of Secondary Schools	5
No. of Children on Register—Primary ...	3,831

BOYS :

	No. Exam.	Ages.	Height ins.	Weight lbs.
Entrants	179	5 6/12	44.1	45.8
2nd Age Group ...	166	9 5/12	52.7	68.1
3rd Age Group ...	124	13 7/12	60.8	96.1
4th Age Group ...	15	16 9/12	68.2	140.1

GIRLS :—

	No. Exam.	Ages.	Height ins.	Weight lbs.
Entrants	173	5 4/12	43.3	43.8
2nd Age Group ...	175	9 6/12	52.6	67.7
3rd Age Group ...	111	13 7/12	60.7	101.7
4th Age Group ...	17	16 9/12	65.4	130.4

TABLE 1.

Total number of children examined at :—

	Systematic Examinations.	*Other Systematic Examinations.*
Ordinary Schools :—		
Entrants	352	—
Second Age Group	341	61
Third Age Group	235	24
Fourth Age Group	32	7
Total	960	92

Other Examinations :—

Special cases 698

Number of individual children inspected at systematic examinations, who were notified to parents as requiring treatment (excluding uncleanliness and dental caries) :—

Entrants	94
Second Age Group	68
Third Age Group	36
Fourth Age Group .. .	20
Total	218

Table II.

Return of number and percentage of individual children in each age group suffering from particular defects :—

Nature of Defect.		Entrants. Boys	%	Girls	%	Second Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	Third Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	Fourth Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	All Ages. Boys	%	Girls	%
Total examined at all ages.	960	179	—	173	—	166	—	175	—	124	—	111	—	15	—	17	—	484	—	476	—
Clothing unsatisfactory ..		1	(0.55)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	(0.2)	—	—
Footgear unsatisfactory ..		—	—	—	—	1	(0.6)	—	—	1	(0.8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	(0.4)	—	
Cleanliness of Head—																					
Dirty		—	—	—	—	—	—	1	(0.58)	—	—	2	(1.8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	(0.63)
Nits		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vermin		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cleanliness of Body—																					
Dirty		—	—	—	—	1	(0.6)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	(0.2)	—	—
Verminous		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Head—																					
Ringworm		1	(0.55)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	(0.2)	—	—
Impetigo		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases		1	(0.55)	—	—	1	0.6)	—	—	—	—	1	(0.9)	—	—	—	—	2	(0.4)	1	(0.21)
Body—																					
Ringworm		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Impetigo		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Scabies		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases		1	(0.55)	2	(1.16)	1	(0.6)	1	(0.58)	4	(3.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	(1.2)	3	(0.63)
Nutritional State—																					
Slightly Defective		—	—	1	(0.58)	3	(1.8)	2	(1.14)	1	(0.8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	(0.8)	3	(0.63)
Bad		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Nature of Defect.	Entrants. Boys	%	Girls	%	Second Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	Third Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	Fourth Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	All Ages. Boys	%	Girls	%
Mouth & Teeth—Unhealthy	36	(20.1)	50	(28.9)	18	(10.84)	35	(20.0)	4	(3.2)	6	(5.4)	1	(6.6)	—	—	59	(12.2)	91	(19.1)
NASO PHARYNX.																				
Nose—																				
Obstruction requiring observation	—	—	1	(0.58)	—	—	1	(0.58)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	2	(0.42)
Obstruction (probable) adenoids requiring operative treatment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other conditions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	(0.8)	—	—		—	—	—	1	(0.2)	—	—
Throat—																				
Tonsils requiring observation	14	(7.8)	8	(4.62)	5	(3.01)	7	(4.0)	4	(3.2)	4	(3.6)	—	—	—	—	23	(4.75)	19	(4.0)
Tonsils requiring operative treatment	3	(1.67)	2	(1.16)	—	—	1	(0.58)	—	—	—	—				—	3	(0.6)	3	(0.63)
Glands requiring observation	9	(5.0)	4	(2.31)	4	(2.4)	2	(1.14)	—	—	2	(1.8)	—	—	—	—	13	(2.7)	8	(1.68)
Requiring operative treatment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—		—	—		—
External Eye Diseases—Blepharitis	—	—	—	—	2	(1.2)	1	(0.58)	—	—	1	(0.9)	—	—	—	—	2	(0.4)	2	(0.42)
Conjunctivitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Corneal Opacities	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Strabismus	5	(2.7)	6	(3.47)	2	(1.2)	—	—	2	(1.6)	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	(1.85)	6	(1.26)
Other Diseases	—	—	—	—	1	(0.6)	—	—	—	—	—	—		—		—	1	(0.2)	—	—
Visual Acuity—Fair	—	—	—	—	1	(0.6)	2	(1.14)	1	(0.8)	3	(2.7)	—	—	—	—	2	(0.6)	5	(1.6)
Bad	—	—	—	—	2	(1.2)	—	—	1	(0.8)	1	(0.9)		—		—	3	(0.9)	1	(0.3)
Recommended for Refraction	—	—	—	—	3	(1.8)	1	(0.58)	1	(0.8)	1	(0.9)		—	—	—	4	(1.3)	2	(0.6)

Nature of Defect.	Entrants. Boys	%	Girls	%	Second Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	Third Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	Fourth Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	All Ages. Boys	%	Girls	%
Ears—																				
Otorrhœa	3	(1.67)	—		1	(0.6)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	(0.8)		
Other Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			—
Hearing—																				
Grade I.	—	—	—		1	(0.6)		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	(0.2)		—
Grade IIa.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			—
Grade IIb.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—
Grade III.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			—
Speech—																				
Defective Articulation ..	4	(2.2)	1	(0.58)	—	—	1	(0.58)		—		—	—	—	—		1	(0.8)	2	(0.42)
Stammering	1	(0.55)	—	—	2	(1.2)	—	—	1	(0.8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	(0.8)	—	—
Mental and Nervous Condition—																				
Backward	—	—	—	—	1	(0.6)		—	—	—	—	—	—				1	(0.2)		
Dull	—	—	—	—	1	(0.6)	—	—	1	(0.8)	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	(0.4)		
Mentally Defective (educable)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mentally Defective (ineducable)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—		—	—	—
Highly nervous or unstable ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—		—	—	—
Difficult in behaviour ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—				—	—	—
Organic Heart Disease																				
Congenital	1	(0.55)	—	—	—	—											1	(0.2)		
Acquired	—					—		—												
Functional Conditions ...	1	(0.55)	—	—	—	—	3	(1.71)	—								4	(0.2)	3	(0.63)

Nature of Defect.	Entrants. Boys	%	Girls	%	Second Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	Third Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	Fourth Age Group. Boys	%	Girls	%	All Ages. Boys	%	Girls	%
Lungs—																				
Chronic Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suspected Tuberculosis ..	—	—	1	(0.58)	—	—	1	(0.58)	—	—	1	(0.9)	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	(0.63)
Other Diseases	—	—	1	(0.58)	1	(0.6)	—	—	—	—	1	(0.9)	—	—	—	—	1	(0.2)	2	(0.42)
Deformities —																				
Congenital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acquired (Infantile Paralysis)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acquired (probable Rickets)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acquired (other causes) ..	42	(23.5)	29	(16.76)	30	(18.07)	34	(19.43)	35	(28.2)	15	(13.5)	1	(6.6)	—	—	108	(22.3)	78	(16.38)
Infectious Disease	—	—	—	—	7	(4.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	(1.46)	—	—
Other Diseases or Defects ..	4	(2.2)	—	—	1	(0.6)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	(1.0)	—	—

Table III.

SYSTEMATIC MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

CLASSIFICATION.	Entrants.		Second Age Group.		Third Age Group.		Fourth Age Group.		Total.	
	No. of children.	Percentage of the children examined in this group.	No. of children	Percentage of the children examined in this group.	No. of children	Percentage of the children examined in this group.	No. of children	Percentage of the children examined in this group.	No. of children	Percentage of the children examined at systematic medical examinations
I. Children free from defects ..	206	58.523%	217	63.637%	159	67.659%	25	78.125%	607	63.229%
II. Children (otherwise free from defects) who suffer from (a) Defective vision not worse than 6/12 in the better eye with or without glasses; or ..	[illegible]	[illegible]%	13	3.812%	10	4.255%	1	3.125%	31	3.229%
(b) Conditions of the mouth and teeth requiring treatment ..	18	5.636%	26	7.624%	5	2.128%		3.125%	80	8.333%
(c) both (a) and (b)	—	—	—	—	1	0.426%	—	—	1	0.105%
Total ..	35	10.625%	39	11.436%	16	6.809%	2	6.25%	112	11.667%
III. Children suffering from ailments (other than those mentioned in II) from which complete recovery is anticipated within a few weeks .	34	[illegible]%	28	8.212	2	11.489%		3.125%	90	[illegible]
IV. Children suffering from (or suspected to be suffering from) defect less remediable than defects specified in II or III, distinguishing cases: (a) Where complete cure or restoration of function (in the case of eye defect, full correction) is considered possible	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(b) Where improvement only is considered possible, e.g., without complete restoration of function	1	0.284	4	1.173%	2	0.852	1	3.125%	8	0.843
Total	57	16.193%	57	16.715%	23	14.043%	4	12.5%	141	[illegible]

Table IV

RETURN OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE IN THE AREA.

Disability.	At Ordinary Schools.	At Special Schools or Classes.	At no School or Institution.	Total.
1.—Blind ..	—	1	—	1
2.—Partially sighted—				
(a) Refractive errors in which the curriculum of an ordinary school would adversely affect the eye condition ...	—	—	—	—
(b) Other conditions of the eye, e.g., cataract, ulceration, etc., which render the child unable to read ordinary school books or to see well enough to be taught in an ordinary school ...	—	—	—	—
3.—Deaf :—				
Grade I.	3	—	—	3
Grade IIa.	4	—	—	4
Grade IIb.	—	1	—	1
Grade III.		1	—	1
4.—Defective speech :—				
(a) Defects of articulation requiring special educational measures	269		—	269
(b) Stammering requiring special educational measures	36	—	—	36
5.—Mentally defective :—				
(Children between 6 and 16 years)—				
(a) Educable (I.Q. approx. 50-70)	22	1	—	23
(b) Ineducable (I.Q. generally less than 50)	1	6	9	16
6.—Epilepsy :—				
(a) Mild and occasional ...	1	—		1
(b) Severe (suitable for care in a residential school)	1		—	1

7.—Physically defective (Children between 5 and 16 years)—				
(a) Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis (excluding cervical glands)	—	—	—	—
(b) General orthopaedic conditions	918	1	3	922
(c) Organic heart disease	1	—	—	1
(d) Other causes of ill-health	—	—	—	—

8.—Multiple defects :—

(a).....

(b).....

1.—PREVALENCE OF DEFECTS—EYES—VISUAL ACUITY :—

No. of children recommended for refraction, 6.

2.—CLASSIFICATION OF CHILDREN ACCORDING TO DEFECT.—

See attached report.

3.—RETURN OF ALL EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE IN THE AREA :—

(a) Defects of articulation requiring special educational measures—269.

(b) Stammering requiring special educational measures—36.

4.—MEDICAL TREATMENT :—

A.—Minor Ailments :—

(1) Cuts, bruises, sprains and minor injuries, etc..—6.

(2) Diseases of the ear—1.

(3) Diseases of the eye, excluding defective vision—3.

(4) Diseases of the skin :-

Ringworm (Scalp)—	
X-ray treatment	Nil
Other treatment	Nil
Ringworm (body)	1
Scabies	1
Impetigo	1
Other diseases	Nil

B.—Defective vision and squint—217.

C.—Nose and throat (operative treatment)—55.

D.—Orthopaedic and postural defects (specialist treatment)—11.

CHILDREN BORN IN 1946

(examined for Visual Acuity and Hearing only)

	Girls.	*Boys.*
Fair Vision	6	4
Bad Vision	—	—

Hearing : all normal.

Total Number of children examined—381.

ORTHOPAEDIC REPORT.

Number of Children on Roll at 31st December	1,113
Number of Specialists' Clinics Held	58
Number of Attendances of Children at Clinics .. .	534

CONDITIONS CLASSIFIED :—

Feet	Posture	Congenital	Others
156	779	18	160

DISTRICT NURSING.

ANNUAL REPORT, ending 31st December, 1954.

District.	No. of Patients. General.	Maternity.	Total.	No. of Visits. General.	Maternity.	Casual.	Child Welfare.	Ante Natal.	Tuberculosis Visits.	Total.
Ayton	78	6	84	1,495	109	76	462	131	9	2,282
Chirnside	292	9	301	2,368	97	41	501	171	—	3,178
Cockburnspath	217	3	220	1,809	30	87	566	53	—	2,545
Coldingham	149	11	160	1,660	108	146	789	199	—	2,902
Coldstream	464	8	472	3,376	76	227	422	107	—	4,208
Duns	109	7	116	1,360	74	23	799	51	—	2,307
Earlston	298	8	306	3,647	112	151	738	303	—	4,951
Eyemouth	157	6	163	1,669	89	132	641	203	22	2,756
Greenlaw	247	12	359	3,424	135	—	485	146	—	4,190
Lauder (i)	120	3	123	1,664	53	—	703	179	—	2,599
Legerwood & Westruther	80	4	84	1,982	47	48	416	120	—	2,613
Leitholm	153	8	161	1,831	100	1	682	121	16	2,751
East Area (Relief) ...	—	—	—	723	2	77	316	22	—	1,136
Middle Area (Relief) ...	—	1	1	1,180	41	16	539	51	—	1,824
Total	2,364	86	2,450	28,188	1,073	1,025	8,059	1,857	47	40,249

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The figures for Infectious Disease are given below :—

	Cases Notified.	Cases removed to Hospital.
Erysipelas	3	—
Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	2	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	2	2
Scarlet Fever	21	18
Whooping Cough	29	—
Totals	57	20

B.C.G. VACCINATION.

During the year a scheme of B.C.G. vaccination was commenced. This is a process of active immunisation against Tuberculosis and is offered at this stage to children of school leaving age, and to children in close contact with an infectious case of Tuberculosis. The figures are given below.

MANTOUX TESTING AND B.C.G., for year ending 31st July, 1955 :—

School	No. of children Mantoux tested	No. of children Mantoux positive	% +ve	No. of children Mantoux negative	% —ve
Earlston J.S.	24	4	16.7	20	83.3
Coldstream J.S.	34	12	35.3	22	64.7
Chirnside J.S.	16	0	0	16	100
Eyemouth J.S.	53	22	41.5	31	58.5
Berwickshire High ...	92	17	18.47	75	81.53
Others	3	0	0	3	100
Totals	222	55	24.7	167	75.3

No. of children Mantoux tested 222
No. of children Mantoux positive 55 (24.7%)
No. of children Mantoux negative 167 (75.3%)
No. of children given B.C.G. 151

All children given B.C.G. have converted from Mantoux negative to positive.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NOTIFICATIONS.

I. PULMONARY CASES NOTIFIED:

	Under 1	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 35	35 and under 45	45 and under 55	55 and under 65	65 and upwards	Total
Males			1	1			1	2	1	6
Females	-	—	--	-	4		1	-	- -	5
Total	- -	- -	1	1	4	- -	2	2	1	11

II. *Methods by which new patients were discovered to be suffering from respiratory tuberculosis during the year.*

Symptom group examination (M.M.R. or other)	7
Contact group examination (M.M.R. or other)	-
Mass Miniature radiography (general public) including office and other staffs	
Routine Examination of special groups (M.M.R. or other):	
School staffs	
National Service recruits	
Emigrants	
Total	7

III. *Number of new cases in Table I. admitted to Hospital for tuberculosis treatment for the first time during the year.*

	Under 15 years	15 to under 45	45 and over	Total
Male ...			2	2
Female ...		1		1
Total ...		1	2	3

IV. *Number of patients admitted to, discharged from or dying in Tuberculosis Hospitals, Sanatoria or wards in other Hospitals reserved for the treatment of the tuberculouse.*

	In hospital on January 1	Admitted during year	Discharged during year	Died in hospital	In hospital on December 31
Under 15 years					
Male					
Female					
15-45 years					
Male	6	3	4		5
Female	4	2	1		2
15 years and over					
Male		2	1		1
Female	1		1		
Total	11	7	10		8

V. *Number on Waiting List for Admission to Hospital at 31st December (Respiratory Tuberculosis).*

Number of patients on Waiting List ... ... Nil

VI. *Number of cases notified, or intimated, confirmed to be suffering from active non-respiratory tuberculosis during the year (excluding transfers in by another Authority).*

	Under 1 yr.	1-5	5-15	15-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 & Over	Total
Abdominal									
Males	—		—						
Females			—	—				—	—
Meningeal									
Males									
Females									
Miliary Tuberculosis									
Males									
Females		—	—						
Bones and Joints									
Males	—	—	—	—		—			
Females	—								
Superficial Glands									
Males	—		—						
Females	—	—	—	—					
Genito Urinary Organs									
Males	—	—		—	—				
Females	—	—	—	—		1			1
Other Organs									
Males									
Females	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total		—				1			1

Return of number of persons resident in the area at 31st December, 1954, who were known to be suffering from Tuberculosis.

	Under 1	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 35	35 and under 45	45 and under 55	55 and under 65	65 and upwards	Total.
IRATORY :—										
Iales ...	—	—	4	4	9	9	7	4	3	40
emales ...	—	—	—	7	11	10	7	5	2	42
RESPIRATORY :—										
ales ...	—	—	6	2	1	3	1	1	1	15
emales ...	—	—	6	4	7	3	2	—	3	25

At the end of the year there were 82 persons resident in the County known to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. There were 2 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis during the year.

BLIND ROLL, 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

The number of persons on the Blind Roll at the 31st December, 1954, was 34. 4 new cases were added during the year, and 6 were taken off the roll.

During the year 284 visits were paid by Mr. Doig, Visitor for the Society for Teaching the Blind, Edinburgh.

Lessons in Braille reading and writing—2.

Lessons in Moon—24.

Lessons in pulp cane work—5.

CHIROPODY

During the year a scheme was launched which offered free Chiropody treatment to old age pensioners who were in receipt only of the Old Age Pension or an allowance on the National Assistance Board. The service was provided by arrangement with Chiropodists in private practice in the County. Patients received treatment in the County Council's clinics or if unable to travel, in their own homes. This service is very much appreciated and the numbers making use of it are increasing. It has conferred much benefit on pensioners and is much appreciated.